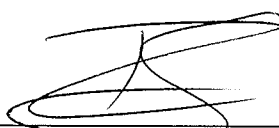


## REMARKS

PCT Application No. PCT/US02/30617 was filed September 25, 2002 and claimed benefit under 35 USC 119(e) to US Provisional Application No. 60/325,424, filed September 25, 2001. The present application was filed on March 25, 2004 under 35 USC 1.111(a) as a continuation of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US02/30617. As such, the present application is entitled to the benefit of priority under 35 USC 119(e) to Provisional Application No. 60/325,424, however, reference to the provisional application was inadvertently omitted from the specification. A Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) has been submitted together with this amendment in order to perfect a claim for priority to Provisional Application No. 60/325,424.

Applicants have authorized the surcharge of \$1,410.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(t) to petition for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed claim for priority to be charged against Deposit Account No.: 50-2040 for Customer No.: 30,328. If there are any additional fees due in connection with this amendment or the accompanying petition, the Applicants hereby request that any charges be made to Deposit Account No.: 50-2040 for Customer No.: 30,328. In the event that there are any questions concerning the remarks above or the application in general please telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

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